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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/251,218	Applicant(s) ELLIS ET AL.	
	Examiner Pierre E. Elisca	Art Unit 3621	

– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16,38-57,67 and 68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16,38-57,67 and 68 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Applicant's response filed on 03/29/2006.
2. Claims 1-16, 38-57 and 67-68 remain pending in the application.
3. The rejection to claims 1-16, 38-57 and 67-68 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by The Gale Group as set forth in the office action mailed on 12/29/2005 is maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-16, 38-57 and 67-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by The Gale Group 04103495, December 04, 1995).

As per claims 1-16, 38-57 and 67-68 Gale discloses a mass production that is replaced by mass customization, producers must create specific products that reflect the requirements and tastes of individual consumers. In the new economy, consumers become involved in the actual production process. They can, for example, enter a new-car showroom and configure an automobile on the computer screen from a series of

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choices, the system comprising:

A data center having a microprocessor operably connected to a storage media, said data center configured to be networked with at least a buyer terminal, said data center configured to receive at least one request to change a product presentation from said buyer terminal; at least one three-dimensional representation of a first product capable of illustrating multiple perspective views of said first product by rotating said three-dimensional representation of the product; and a product display (or computer screen) module operably connected to said storage media and configured to execute in said data center, said product display module including a definition of a product display screen accessible by said buyer terminal, said product display module configured to receive a request to change a product presentation through said product display screen, said request comprising user-selected alterations of physical product exterior/interior options, said product display module configured to display the changed product presentation comprising said user-selected alterations of physical product exterior/interior options in said product display screen by modifying said definition of the product display screen (see., pages 1-5, specifically, page 3).

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

6. Applicant's arguments filed on 03/29/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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7. In response to Applicant's arguments, Applicant argues that there is no reference to a three-dimensional model display or to change to be made the display. However, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with this assertion since The Gal Group discloses selecting options for an automobile using a display screen, and therefore, it is inherent to recognize that while viewing the automobile using a display screen, a user is capable of rotating the display image in three-dimensional. For Example see, www.mercedesbenz.com or www.bmw.com. Users are capable of rotating the display image in three-dimensional.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571 272 6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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